

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING**

January 28, 2008

CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, Peter Haviland, Robert Worthing, and Randolph Robbins.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #3 & #4

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM. Kim Young motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to approve the January 15, 2008 as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 4-0-1

Randy Robbins abstained due to not being at the meeting.

Changes to the Agenda

James Tower addressed the Board inviting them to participate in mediation, informally or formally in an attempt to find, according to Mr. Tower, equitable tax abatement. He passed out to each member a nine page copy of the Property Tax Bulletin No. 10, from the State of Maine Property Tax Division, which explains property tax abatement and appeals procedures. He asked the Board to read Section 841. Abatement by assessing authority; procedures. Mr. Tower stated he feels this gives the Selectmen the authority to make such reasonable abatement as they consider proper to correct any illegality, error or irregularity in assessment. He pressed the Board to respond in some way and stressed that the Board could recess this meeting and that they could reconvene before the next scheduled selectmen meeting. After much discussion, the Board discussed needing time to read and research this information and to discuss it with the towns' attorney.

Selectman Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to direct Chairman Alton Grover to contact Attorney Lee Bragg and schedule a meeting to discuss this situation.

Selectman Robert Worthing motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to amend the motion to state that Chairman Alton Grover will contact Attorney Lee Bragg to get his interpretation of section 841 of the Property Tax Bulletin No.10, and to schedule a meeting if necessary. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Selectman Kim Young motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to approve the motion as amended. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Unfinished Business

Ordinance for Access to Town Roads- Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to schedule a public hearing to hear public comment on two ordinances; Town of Cushing Public Road Design and Construction Ordinance, and Town of Cushing

Ordinance for Access to Town Roads on Monday February 11, 2008 at 6:00PM
preceding the Selectmen's Meeting.

New Business

Appointments for Rescue Squad- Selectman Kim Young motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to approve Charlene Benner as Cushing Rescue Squad Director, and Jessica Flanders as Assistant Rescue Squad Director. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) to discuss a Personnel Matter at 7:10 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Robert Worthing motioned, Randy Robbins seconded, to recess the meeting at 7:28PM pending the call of the Chairman to reconvene. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

On February 11, 2008 at 6:00PM Randy Robbins motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, adjourning the January 28, 2008 meeting. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0 Kim Young

And Alton Grover not present

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk